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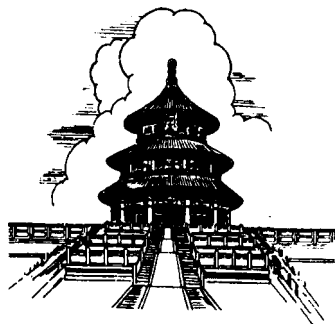
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## Mattapoisett Cub Scouts Sculpt Castle

On Saturday, January 27, Mattapoisett Troop 53, Den #3 Cub Scouts, created an Ice Castle in Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett. Den Leader Christy Alferes had each cub scout freeze their own ice the week before in various shapes and sizes. Some boys arrived with colored ice, while others brought clear ice and spray bottles with colored water to "paint" the castle after it was completed. The Cub Scouts learned cooperation and had great fun during the exercise.

Participants included: Jon Leidhold, Alex Calise, Nathan Reynolds, Bryan Buckley, Steven Price, Magnus Alferes, and Alex Buckley.

### Important Reminder

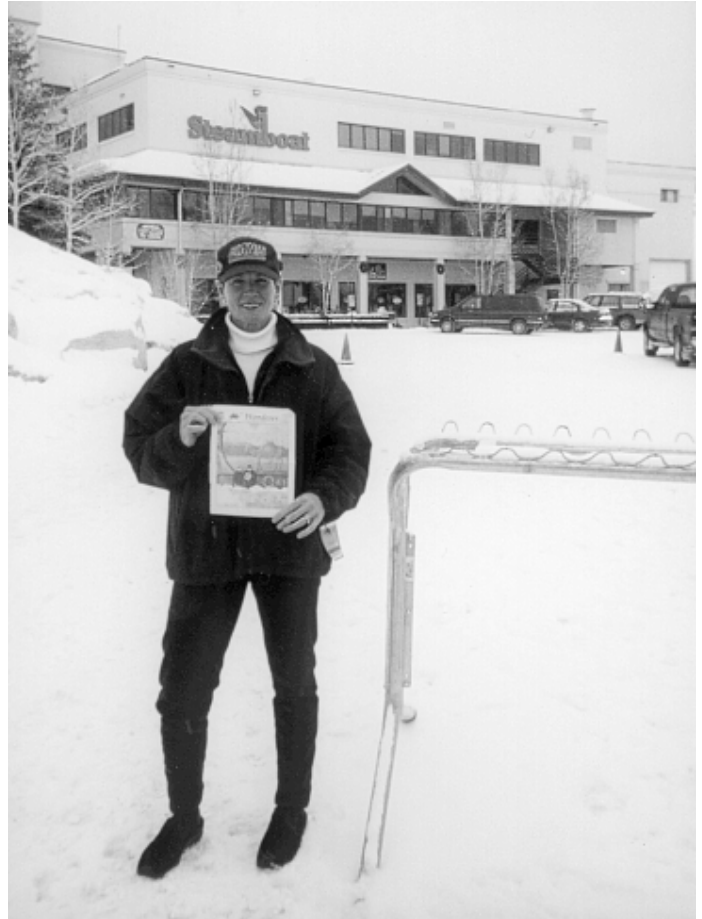
## Parking Restrictions at Memorial School

For some time, School Bus drivers have complained to school authorities and to the Rochester Police Department regarding illegally-parked vehicles at Rochester Memorial School. According to the bus drivers, the illegally-parked cars make it difficult for them to negotiate turns in and out of the school. In addition, during the winter months, snow along the sides of Pine Street in front of the school makes the situation even more difficult for them. According to Rochester Police Chief William Przybylek, officers have been reluctant to issue parking tickets for the violations, because of their relationship with their citizens. However, the Chief acknowledges that they realized that the department has a responsibility to help bring the problem to an end.



**Above:** Members of Mattapoisett Cub Scout Troop 53, Den #3 recently created an Ice Castle sculpture in Shipyard Park. Pictured here are (l. to r.): Jon Leidhold, Alex Calise, Nathan Reynolds, Bryan Buckley, Steven Price, Magnus Alferes, and Alex Buckley.

**On the cover:** In keeping with the snow and ice theme this week, Ruth Bates of Center School in Mattapoisett recently sculpted this wonderful snow version of "Salty the Seahorse," Mattapoisett's own unofficial mascot and tell-tale landmark. (Photo courtesy of Unique Photographs by Bodil.)



**Above:** Susan Gould of Mattapoisett poses at a ski resort in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, with a copy of The Wanderer, adding yet another unique location to our gallery of readers. Ms. Gould recently took a trip to the winter getaway spot which offered ample snowboarding on 18 inches of "champagne powder" while there. Remember to take along a copy of your favorite local newspaper when traveling and be sure to pose outside a picturesque — and previously unsubmitted — locale. (Photo courtesy of Susan Gould.)

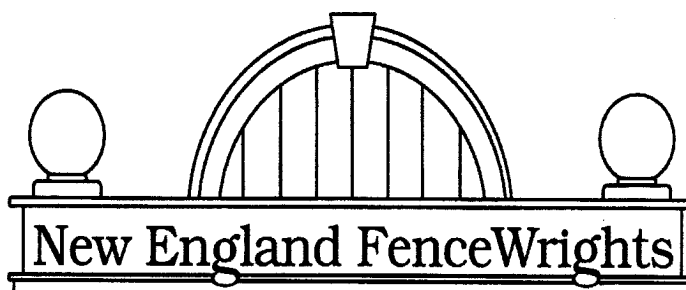
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The Rochester Police Department decided to take several steps to minimize or eliminate the problem as easily as possible. In late January, a notice in the Rochester Memorial School's Family Newsletter asked parents and others to refrain from parking illegally at the school. That newsletter and notice were given to each student at the school for delivery to their parents or guardians. Next, the police department issued a press release to local newspapers repeating its request for cooperation from motorists parking at the school.

Then, during the month of February only, police officers will distribute a warning letter from Rochester Police Chief William Przybylek explaining the problem and asking for cooperation from motorists. The police department will maintain a record of those motorists who have been given the letter and parking tickets will be issued to those who park illegally after receiving their warning letter. Finally, starting on March 1, the department will stop issuing warning letters to violators and will issue parking tickets instead. The fine for those who are issued tickets will be \$10 for the first offense.

In his warning letter to motorists, Chief Przybylek asked for a cooperative effort between police officers and citizens to bring the problem to an end at the school. He indicated that the department was taking their course of action under its "Community Policing" philosophy of operations, which calls for the solution of community problems through establishments of effective partnerships between citizens and the police.

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### Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

February 5, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 pm by Chairman pro tem Barry Denham. Also present were Selectman Ray Andrews and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Selectman Paul Lambalot was not present for the meeting.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the January 29 and January 30 meetings and signing the various treasury warrants for the week, the board met with members of the Water/Sewer Commission and Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson to

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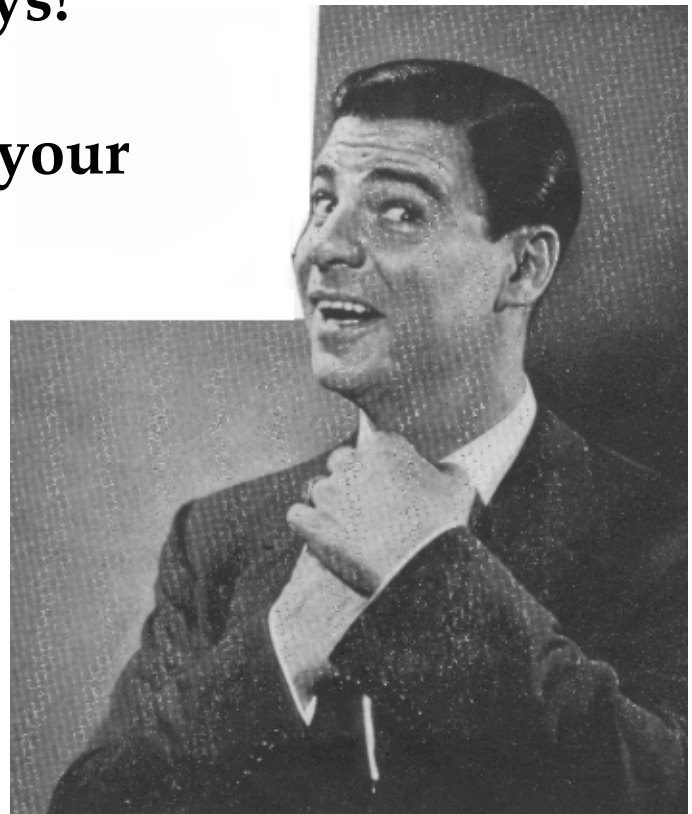
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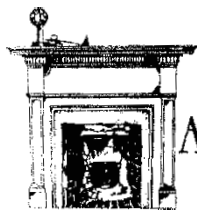
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"The other day (Mr. Normandin) was choking at lunch and (Mr. McMahon) jumped up immediately to save him," Selectman Denham said. "The training (the employees) receive is certainly paying off."

The board presented Mr. McMahon with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts, and Water/Sewer Superintendent Nicholson also presented him with a plaque for "unselfish compassion for his fellow man."

Under upcoming meetings scheduled, Ms. Adams noted:

- Monday, February 12 at 7:00 pm - Special Town Meeting in the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium to consider the single article to appropriate a total of \$25 million for renovations to Center and Old Hammondtown Schools (68 percent of which will be reimbursed by the state, bringing Mattapoisett's total contribution to \$8 million).

- Tuesday, February 13 - Special Town Election to appropriate the \$25 million for the Center and Old Hammondtown School renovations; polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School.

- Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30 am - Council on Aging Meeting, Selectman Denham and Fire Chief Ronald Scott will attend.

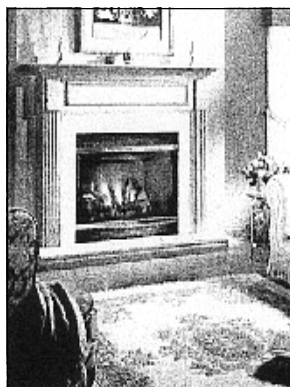
- Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm - Swearing-In Ceremony for Marion Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock in the Marion Music Hall.

- Wednesday, February 15 at 5:00 pm - SRTA Board Meeting; Jack DeCosta, Selectmen's representative, and Melody Pacheco, alternate representative, will be

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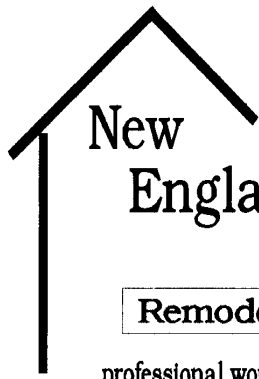
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attending.

- Monday, February 19 - No Selectmen's Meeting and Mattapoisett Town Hall will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Letter from Michael Lamoureux, Secretary of the Mattapoisett Lions Club, requesting use of Shipyard Park for the Annual Harbor Days activities and notifying them that the Annual Triathlon is slated for July 15 this year; the Strawberry Festival is slated for July 18; and the town's Annual Harbor Days weekend will kick-off from July 20 through July 22, 2001.

- Notification from the Joint Transportation

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Planning Group (JTPG) that they will next be meeting on Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00 pm in the SRPEDD Office in Taunton.

- Letter from residents Tony and Carol Oliveira of West Hill Road, expressing this displeasure with the recent AT&T Cable rate increase and service. "I, for one, find it incredible as to how they can get away with such an outrageous increase," the letter stated. "The thing that I find most unjust about this increase is the person such as myself who have their Basic One and Two plan paying a monthly rate of \$16.62 now is told that there is no longer the Basic Two plan available. Now this person has a choice of taking their new Expanded Basic plan for \$34.62 or choose their Basic One service for \$9.06, which is a lot of nothing. Hopefully I will not be the only one complaining about this matter and some action will be taken."

- Notification from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) that a seminar will be held on Thursday, March 8 at Stonehill College regarding the future of the Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement System.

- Letter from Public Safety Officer Sergeant Paul Magee notifying the board that the Massachusetts Highway Department has approved new crosswalk signs to be installed at crosswalks on Route 6 between Main Street and North Street. The signs are scheduled to be erected by the Mattapoisett Highway Department this week. According to Selectman Andrews, these are larger,

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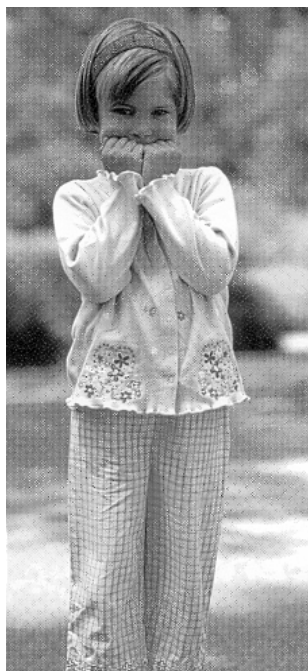
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• Notification from the Water/Sewer Commission  
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that Scott Gauvin successfully passed the state exam for a  
Drinking Water Supply Facilities Operators License. "(The  
Water/Sewer Department) does a good job of getting  
their personnel trained," Selectman Denham said.

Selectman Andrews then continued with the  
second part of his presentation on the proposed  
renovation projects for the town's two elementary schools  
— funding for which will be brought before Town  
Meeting voters and residents next week — with a detailed  
overview of the plans for Old Hammondtown School.

Selectman Andrews explained that the current  
conditions at Old Hammondtown School include some  
250 students in 12 regular classrooms and three portable  
classrooms for Grades 4, 5 and 6. Although a new wing  
was added in 1997 with four new classes, there is still a  
need for further expansion. The proposed plan involves  
another addition which will provide more classrooms, a  
new library, chorus and music rooms, new administrative  
offices, and facilities for occupational and speech therapy.  
The new renovations will also bring the school into  
compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  
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The new school expansion, if approved, would  
accommodate between 396 to 450 students, increase the  
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Selectman Andrews showed a conceptual drawing of the

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The proposed Old Hammondtown School project would be phased in over an eighteen-month period and would cost an estimated \$11 million. With the previously-described Center School renovations coming in at about \$14 million, that brings the total for both schools to \$25 million, an amount which voters will be asked to approve at the February 12 Special Town Meeting and February 13 Special Election.

However, Selectman Andrews stressed that with the town's current locked-in reimbursement rate of 65 percent from the state, the town would only be paying \$8.7 million of the total \$25 million price tag. This

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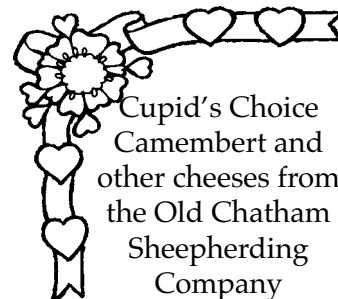
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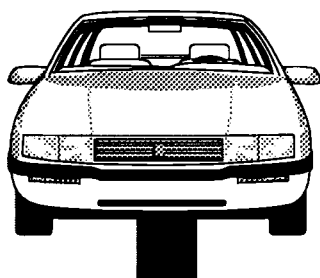
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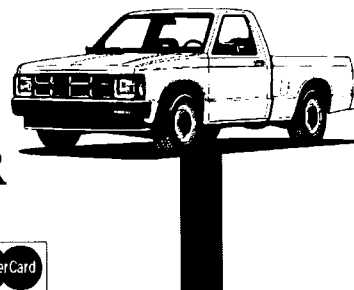


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reimbursement rate, he noted, is based on the town's per capita income and, to answer an inquiry sent to him by a resident, the Town of Wareham was recently granted a 90 percent reimbursement rate because their overall income level is proportionally lower than Mattapoisett.

"There's no arguing that everyone's taxes are going to be affected," Selectman Andrews said. "But if we don't do it now ... when? Mattapoisett's reimbursement rate is 65 percent now ... effective June 1, it will drop to 51.25 percent — the rate changes every year based on per capita income. Based on a \$200,000 valuation, that's about \$235.65 per year through 2024. If we wait and go for the 51 percent rate, that will increase to \$310.50 annually through 2024."

"Our reimbursement rate actually already dropped to 51 percent (this year)," Selectman Denham added. "Thanks to (State) Representative Straus and (State) Senator Pacheco ... we were able to be 'grandfathered' in with the 65 percent rate."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:25 pm.

## Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 6, 2001

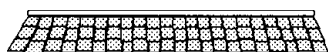
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A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 6, 2001 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer and Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson.

After signing treasury warrants #32, #31M, and #32-2001 for the week and unanimously approving the minutes of the January 30 meeting, the board signed and approved requests Special Licenses for the Sale of Alcohol for Marion VFW Post 2425 for a wedding reception to be

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held on Saturday, February 24 from 4:00 to 11:00 pm; and also a Member / Guest Dinner to be held at the Marion Social Club on Saturday, March 24 from 6:00 pm to 12:00 midnight.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received notification from Mary O'Keeffe, Manager of Government Relations for AT&T Broadband, advising that beginning March 1 the cable company will no longer off the Basic 2 package "due to lack of interest." The company will from then on only offer Basic Service (broadcast channels and local access channels) and Standard Cable (Basic Service and all the other programming channels, excluding Premium Packages). Chairman Winters commented that, once again, the company is offering "less service at higher prices."

Resident R.W. Schaefer next sent the board a copy of a letter to Harbormaster Charles Bradley expressing displeasure over the recently-approved \$2 per foot fee assessed to boats moored in Marion Harbor to make various improvements to the town's marine facilities. "This is outrageous!" the letter stated. "As a property owner in Marion, I already pay in excess of \$8,000 in taxes to the Town of Marion for a house that I only occupy for three months. This new tax on boat owners is wrong! Does the Town of Marion charge anyone to park their cars on town roads? Does the town charge the Little League to use the parks? I want to know where these funds are going to be spent and will work vigorously to repeal this ill-conceived tax."

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The board next received a request for an abatement from Louie Rezendes of Rezendes Terrace for his water bill dated November 15, 2000. In an attached memo from the Marion Water Commissioners, they recommended the abatement is not warranted because "this high bill in question is due to an irrigation system that was installed after the 1998 actual bills. This is the first actual consumption that we have billed since this system was installed and part of this consumption has to be from the previous estimated bills. Also, there was a leak at this property during the estimated bills of 1998. The consumption from this leak is also on the bill in question." As a result of this recommendation, the board unanimously voted to deny the abatement request.

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Police Chief Lincoln Miller next sent a letter to the board regarding a weekend incident at The Caz during the early morning hours of Sunday, February 4. Chief Miller explained that there was a large disturbance at the establishment on the night in question where an estimated 150 to 200 people were gathered. Upon arriving, officers were informed that there were armed subjects in the crowd and some people had been stabbed. "In all, six people were treated for stab wounds at Tobey Hospital," Chief Miller wrote. "Fortunately, none of those injured received life-threatening wounds. In addition, four subjects have been arrested for various charges, including two that were identified as being the assailants."

Chief Miller wanted to commend Marion Police Officers George Pina and Kyle Costa as the initial officers responding to the call. Also, there were several off-duty Marion officers who responded to the incident to assist, along with officers from Wareham, Mattapoisett and Rochester, the Massachusetts State Police, and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department. "The citizens of Marion should be proud of the professionalism shown by all the officers, in restoring order, protecting lives, and seeking those responsible," Chief Miller wrote. "It is due to their efforts that this did not become a large-scale tragedy."

Lastly, Chief Miller advised they are investigating possible allegations of violations regarding the alcohol beverage license granted to The Caz, and he recommends

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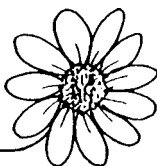
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that the board, acting as the local licensing authority, defer the investigation and possible future hearings to the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC).

"It's unfortunate that something like this happened in town ... and it's something that could have gotten really out of hand," said Chairman Winters. "Calling in reinforcements is probably what stopped things dead in its tracks. This could have been a larger tragedy with loss of life ... I think we need to have the ABCC investigate."

Selectman Schaefer agreed: "I was quite shocked to learn about this."

With that, the board unanimously voted to have

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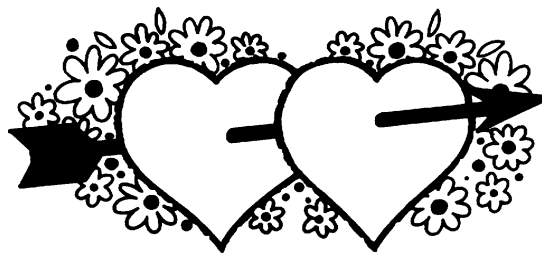
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the ABCC investigate allegations of The Caz being in violation of their alcohol beverage license.

Harbormaster Charles Bradley next sent a memo to the board advising that there was apparently an error in the board's meeting minutes for January 23 which states only boats *over 25 feet long overall* will be assessed the \$2 per foot fee recommended by the Marine Resource Commission (MRC). It should, in fact, read "*all* boats will be assessed the \$2 per foot fee," according to Mr. Bradley. The board unanimously voted the amend their meeting minutes of January 23 to reflect this change.

Fire Chief C. Robert Davis next sent a letter to the board announcing that his department has received word from Governor Cellucci's office that they have been awarded a zero-matching grant of \$20,819 for the purchase of safety equipment. "This is the first time they've ever been awarded a grant," Selectman Dickerson noted, "and it's a good amount."

The board wished to remind everyone that a special swearing-in ceremony for newly-appointed Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock will be held next Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall. The ceremony will be held in lieu of a regular Selectmen's meeting on that night and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

There being no further matters to discuss in open session, the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:25 pm to discuss pending litigation. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.



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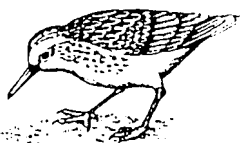
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### ORR Parent Association

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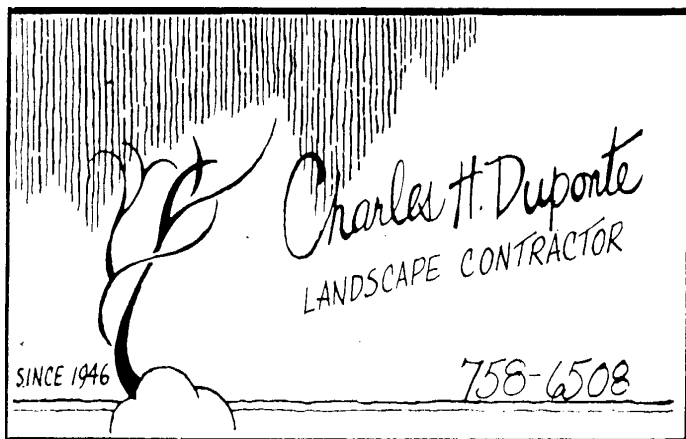


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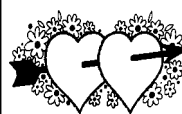
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members, formed sub-committees in the areas of Volunteers, Communications and School Safety, and have discussed program ideas for the current school year. Classroom teachers have been asked to provide a wish list of volunteer support/services they would like during the school year. Parent Association Officers selected for the 2000-2001 school year are: President Maureen Gillen-Brown; First Vice President Donna Schuyler; Second Vice President Lisa Podrecca; Treasurer Ling Ling Chang; Corresponding Secretary Debbie Jones; and Recording Secretary Liz Chin. Volunteers are needed to assist on various subcommittees. Won't you please consider sharing your expertise and lend a hand?

The next Parent Association meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8 beginning at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of Old Rochester Regional High School. Ms. Traci-Lee Violette, ORR Science Teacher and Health Educator, and Officer Mitch Suzan, ORR Student Resource Officer, will be the principal speakers for a "Drug Awareness Night" for all interested parents, guardians and community members. The program should enlighten everyone to the dangers of drugs and provide information for right choices. The ORR Parent Association hopes you will be able to join them for this informative meeting.

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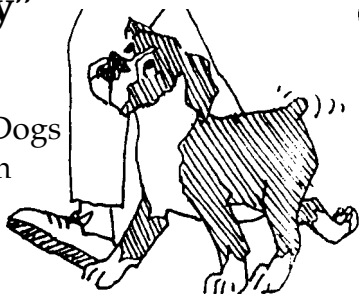
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the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The guest speaker will be a member of the staff from the Child and Family Services of New Bedford. The title of the talk is "The World You Never Knew: Seven Miles Down the Road and in Mattapoisett." Hostesses are Estelle Jacobsen and Jennifer Shepley.

Helen Damon, Fine Arts Committee Chairman, has announced a new water-cooler group is meeting on Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Mattapoisett Friends Meeting House. All members and their guests (male or female) are invited to work on subjects of their choice. A still life will be set up. This is for artists with some experience. There will be no instruction. There is a donation of \$2 per person. If you would like more information, please call Helen at 758-3493 or Priscilla at 758-3579.

The club's upcoming fund-raiser (for Scholarship and Ways and Means) is a Garden Tour on July 7. Save the date and watch the newspaper for more information!

### Rochester Parking Permits

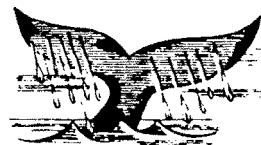
Silvershell Beach, Island Wharf, Old Landing, and on-street parking permits in the Town of Marion for Rochester residents are now available at the Rochester Board of Selectmen's office. Please bring your registration with you. Rochester residents are charged a \$5 fee.

### Locals Attend Science Institute

Marion Harbormaster Charles Bradley and Marion Natural History Museum Director Elizabeth Leidhold were recently nominated by the Old Rochester Regional School District (ORRS) to participate in the Lead-Scientist Institute for K-8 Science Education held by the American Physical Society / Teacher-Scientist Alliance Institutes. The five-day

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Institutes, held in early January in Washington, DC, are attended by approximately fifty scientists, engineers, and other technical professionals who have expressed a substantial interest in working with their local school districts to improve science education. The Institutes provide a fairly thorough introduction to the issues in K-8 science education reform and help to prepare participants to lead their own technical communities in supporting the local reform program. Selected educators who are new to science education reform also participate.

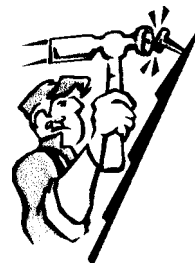
Local participants have returned to report that the Institute far exceeded their expectations. The Institute features discussions on the current state of science education in the schools, presentations on how children

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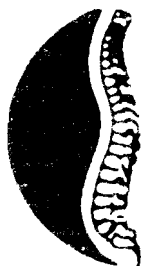


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learn and what makes teaching materials effective, and examines instructional materials widely considered to be among the best in the country. A visit to classrooms in Montgomery County Maryland Public Schools enable participants to view reform efforts in action and observe children engaged in hands-on, inquiry-centered science.

Since participants are encouraged to work with teachers and school system administrators to ensure that their efforts have the greatest possible impact, a Community Scientist Roundtable was held upon their return. Institute attendees joined Assistant Superintendent Carol Young, Curriculum Coordinator Michelle Roy, Old Rochester Regional Junior High Principal Steve Helman, Center School Principal Jack Murphy, and ORR High School Community Service Learning Coordinator Kathy Marx, for the Roundtable that focused on how information ascertained at the Institute could be utilized in the school district.

In addition to the local scientists being invited to participate in the District Science Curriculum Committee, another outcome of the Roundtable was the initiation of a Community Scientist database. The purpose of this database is to develop a list of science and technology professionals who are willing to contribute two or three days per year to work with the Old Rochester Regional Schools to help improve science education. Initial plans call for the database to be an addendum to the science curriculum so that teachers can contact community people as a science or technical resource.

Prior to his appointment two years ago as Harbormaster, Charles Bradley served as Marion Shellfish Officer. In this capacity he worked with both Tabor Academy and Old Rochester Regional High School students on aquaculture projects in Marion Harbor. Mr. Bradley resides in Marion with his wife Priscilla.

Elizabeth Leidhold is the Director of the Marion Natural History Museum and works with the Dartmouth Conservation Commission. The Museum hosts numerous community science programs for all ages, including special activities for school groups and a summer camp for elementary students. Ms. Leidhold lives in Mattapoisett with her husband Carl and two school-age children.

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John Rockwell of Marion attended the Institute in January 2000, and has been a resource for both Old Hammondtown School and Old Rochester Regional High School science programs. Mr. Rockwell works with the Buzzards Bay Project and has served as head of the Marion Conservation Commission. Mr. Rockwell has been an advocate of district science education programs for many years.

Any community member interested in working with the Old Rochester Regional to improve science education is encouraged to contact Kathy Marx, ORR High School, at 758-3745.

### Ham and Bean Supper

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will hold a Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, February 24 at 5:00 pm at Post Headquarters on Depot Street. Tickets can be purchased by contacting John DeCosta at 758-2310, Michael Lamoureux at 758-9311, and Evelyn Pursley at 758-3329. Please come and help support the American Legion Post!

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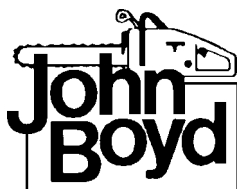
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### 2001 Census

The census forms are being mailed this week. The Town Clerk's office would appreciate your help in conducting the annual census. Please fill out and return this important document as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Annual Election

Nominations for Town Elected Offices close on February 22. If you are interested in running for an elected position this year, please visit or call the Rochester Town Clerk's office at 763-3866.

## School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee Meetings for February, 2001. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are slated to begin at 7:30 pm:

- Thursday, February 8 - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School;
- Tuesday, February 13 - ORR District School Committee at ORR High School;
- Monday, February 26 - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School.

## Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Mattapoisett Maconchu Club will meet on Saturday, February 17 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The program, "Exotic Travels in New Bedford," will be presented by

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### Marion Council on Aging

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The Marion Council on Aging (COA) will be providing transportation to the swearing-in ceremony of the new Town Administrator, Julia S. Enroth-Whitlock. The celebration will be held at the Marion Music Hall on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the COA at 748-3570 if you need transportation.

#### Tax Assistance

Tax Assistance will be available this year through the Marion COA. Appointments are needed and will begin in February.

#### Oil Painting

Oil Painting classes will be held Tuesday beginning February 9. The classes will now be ongoing and are being held in New Bedford. The van will leave the drop-in center parking lot at 8:15 am and return by 1:00 pm. Fee is by donation only. Registration is required. You need not be a Marion resident to participate.

#### Applications

Many applications are now available at the Marion COA office such as: fuel assistance, Senior Pharmacy Program, Safe Return Program, Enhanced 911, Police Reassurance, and the like. If you need assistance

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### Rochester Council on Aging

- Sunday, February 11 - Lions Club Breakfast at the Rochester Grange Hall, 8:00 am to 11:00 am. All are welcome and this is a great way to start your day.
- Monday, February 12 - Trip to Mashpee Commons (Mall), van leaves at 9:00 am.
- Tuesday, February 13 - Senior Club Meeting at 1:00 pm; (Geronimo) Card Game will be played.
- Wednesday, February 14 - Valentine's Day.
- Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day Holiday (office closed).
- Wednesday, February 21 - Council on Aging (COA) Board Meeting, 9:00 am at the Town Hall.
- Thursday, February 22 - Crafts at the Senior Center Trailer with Dot Tuttle, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- Saturday, February 24 - SERVE (SHARE) Pick-Up, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Town Hall — you must be there to pick up your package. Please call if there is a problem (763-8723).
- Monday, February 26 - Tour to Lizzie Borden House. Van will leave at 9:30 am from the Rochester Town Hall, reservations are a must! (There is a limited amount of seating on the van, and lunch will be on your own.)
- Tuesday, February 27 - AARP Meeting at 1:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall. Guest speaker will be Joan Thompson from RSVP.

### Hearts and Hands Training

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The Friends of Paul Hubbard will sponsor a Benefit Dance to help defray the cost of a handicap-accessible van on Saturday, March 3 from 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Donation is \$10 per person and no children under 10 years of age will be admitted. For tickets, please call Donna at 758-9839 or Lynne at 991-3164.

### Cushing Cemetery Notice

The Cushing Cemetery Corporation has requested that all Christmas decorations must be removed by February 15, 2001 from all graves. They will be removed after this date by the cemetery.

### Rochester Girls Softball

Signups for girls in third grade through eighth grade who wish to play softball during the 2001 season will be held on Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School. Sign-up fee is \$35 per player, with family discounts. For more information, please contact Polly Lawrence at 763-2072.

### Sippican School Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held at Sippican School in Marion on February 27 and 28, 2001. Sessions will be held Tuesday evening, February 27, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and on Wednesday morning, February 28, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Both sessions will be held in the school cafeteria.

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Information and forms will be mailed by Friday, February 8, 2001 to the parents of all prospective Kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Ms. Brodeur at Sippican School between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm at 748-0100.

### Locals Make Dean's List

Roger Williams University has announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2000 Semester. Students completing 12 or more credits per semester and earning a quality grade point average of 3.4 are placed on the Dean's List. The following local students were named to the Dean's List:

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The program is designed to increase the awareness of the elementary students in regards to careers in vocational-technical education. It also serves as an introduction for students who choose to participate in Old Colony's sixth grade after-school program.

### *National Honor Society*

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) recently voted to expand the opportunities for leadership training for members of the Class of 2002. The NHS members agreed to sponsor an Old Colony student in both the 2001 Boys State and Girls State programs this June. Old Colony students already participate in these programs, sponsored by the Florence Eastman Post 280 of the American Legion.

The NHS members feel that part of their mission as an Honor Society Chapter is to provide leadership development opportunities for students at Old Colony. Both the Boys and Girls State programs are excellent opportunities for developing the leadership potential for young men and women.

### *Teacher Nomination*

The administration and staff at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School are pleased to announce the nomination of Culinary Arts Chef Instructor, Mr. Nelson Suarez, as their nominee for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program.

In nominating the Abington resident to the Massachusetts Department of Education, Superintendent-Director David J. Ferreira stated Mr. Suarez is a creative and articulate teacher who is able to relate challenging concepts to students of all ability levels. Mr. Suarez is vigilant in maintaining the highest standards for everyone in his class. He is dedicated, concerned, and a sincere teacher who possesses all of the requisite qualities for recognition as 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Suarez

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This spring, members of Old Colony's College Prep and Tech Prep classes will take part in a one-day Broadway Show Trip to New York City. The trip includes a seat to the hit musical "Jane Eyre."

William Hebert, Old Colony's Athletic Director and Mathematics Teacher, is coordinating the unique educational experience. In prior years, Broadway show trips have offered "Les Miserables," "Jeckyll and Hyde," "Sunset Boulevard," "Miss Saigon," and "Phantom of the Opera."

### **Marion Natural History Museum**

#### **Summer Camp 2001**

The Marion Natural History Museum is once again offering a summer program this year. The curriculum will incorporate aspects of the Sippican watershed. Utilizing not only the museum's resources but the watershed features of the Town of Marion, they will be looking at both salt and fresh water ecosystems such as salt marshes, river and streams, seining the coastline, studying the intertidal zone, and freshwater marshes among other topics.

They will be offering two two-week half-day sessions (9:00 to 12:00). One will be from July 9 through July 20 and another from August 6 through August 17. The camp will be broken into two groups, grades entering 1 and 2 and another for grades entering 3 and 4. Maximum number of students per group is 15, so register early! Registration forms are available at the Marion Natural History Museum or in the entrance hall of the

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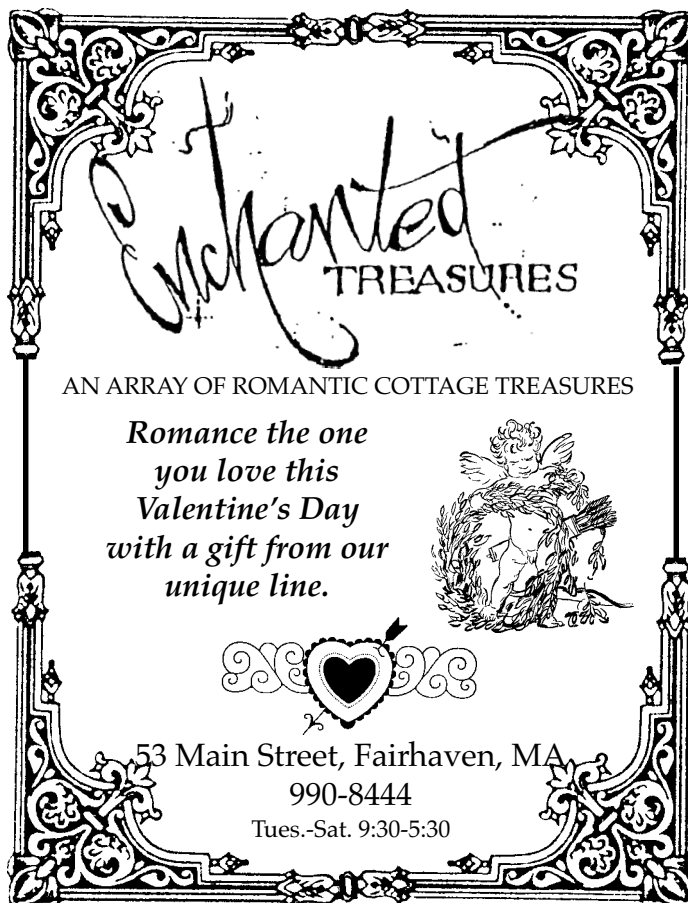
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*Help Wanted*

The Marion Natural History Museum is looking for two Massachusetts Certified Teachers and two educational aides to implement the summer camp curriculum. If interested, please send a resume to: Marion Natural History Museum; P.O. Box 644; Marion, MA 02738.

The Marion Natural History Museum is looking for someone to help maintain open hours from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Monday. This position will most likely grow to include more hours and will include occasional substitute hours for the Director. This is a good job for someone with a Science or Education background who is home with children and would like to keep their resume current. Please send a resume to the Marion Natural History Museum, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738, or call 748-2098 for more information.

*After School Programs*

The Marion Natural History Museum has scheduled several Winter/Spring 2001 After School Programs, including:

- Vernal Pools - On Wednesday, March 28 at 3:30 pm: This program will entail watching a slide show and investigating live specimens of the amphibians and reptiles that need these vital habitats to survive.

- Spring Has Sprung - Wednesday, April 25 at 3:30 pm: The group hits the woods to investigate signs of spring. They'll be looking for emergent plant life, salamanders, and birds during a walk through Holmes Brook woods.

- Saltmarsh Walk - Friday, June 1 at 3:30 pm: Fred Hutchings, Sippican School teacher and museum president, will lead this annual favorite. They will be looking at the plants and annuals that inhabit this fragile environment. (This program requires a permission slip.)

- Skin and Scales - Wednesday, June 6 at 3:30 pm: Leo Spinner will be bringing in his amazing reptiles! A Burmese Python shed his skin during the program last year! Come see what will happen this year.

The cost for all programs is \$4 for member and \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment is requested, and interested participants can pre-register



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### Marion Census Forms

The 2001 Census Forms were recently mailed to Marion residents. It would be appreciated if residents complete and return the forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions or did not receive a Census Form, please call 748-3526 or 748-3502.

### Plumb Memorial Library

#### *Deal With Seals*

"The Deal With Seals," a school vacation program presented by the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, will take place on Thursday, February 22 at 2:00 pm at the Plumb Memorial Library. Families are invited to learn more about the seals that visit Buzzards Bay. Find out how to observe and interact with these amazing creatures! Admission is FREE, and this program is appropriate for children in Grade 2 and up. No registration is required.

#### *Crazy Crafts*

Have some creative fun during school vacation week. Stop by and create your own craft masterpieces with a variety of craft supplies on Saturday, February 17 and Saturday, February 24 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Plumb Memorial Library. All ages are welcome and no registration is required.

#### *Family History*

Are you interested in researching your family tree and family history? Have you been wondering about doing geneological research on the Internet? Would you like to meet other people with similar interests and compare notes?

Richard Wisniewski of Rochester, working in conjunction with the staff at the Plumb Memorial Library, is interested in starting an informal local Geneological Society or Club. He has found family research rewarding and exciting, and would like to share his enthusiasm with others. Meetings would be held at the Plumb Library in

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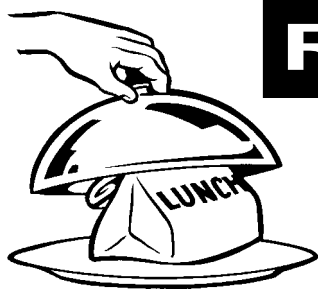
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# Regional Lunch Menus

## ■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY and FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Monday, February 12** – Chicken patty on a bun, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Pork patty, turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, February 14** – Spaghetti and meatballs, bologna sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

**Thursday, February 15** – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

**Friday, February 16** – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, salad dressing, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

## ■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

**Monday, February 12** – American chop suey, waxed beans, Vienna bread, vanilla pudding, fresh fruit.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Beef barley soup, veal marsala, chopped broccoli, pumpnickel roll, fresh fruit.

**Wednesday, February 14** – VALENTINE'S DAY: Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, whipped potato, squash, snowflake roll, cake, graham wafer.

**Thursday, February 15** – Beef stew with vegetables, parsley boiled potato, whole wheat bread, fruit in light syrup.

**Friday, February 16** – Chicken a-la King, white rice, mixed vegetables, light rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

## ■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

**Monday, February 12** – Cheeseburger/hamburger, crispy fries, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Chicken fajitas, toasted cheese, nachos, soup, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Wednesday, February 14** – Beef

ravioli, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday, February 15** – Chicken tenders, potato wedges, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday, February 16** – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

## ■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

**Monday, February 12** – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, scalloped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, strawberry jello with topping.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Chicken breast patty club, grilled cheese sandwich, Steak'Um and cheese sub, "hero" sub, Doritos, carrot sticks, chilled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

**Wednesday, February 14** – VALENTINE'S DAY: Cheese pizza or Italian spice pizza, chicken in gravy, hot pastrami grinder, whipped potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, applesauce, sweetheart cake.

**Thursday, February 15** – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot dog on a roll, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, corn niblets, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

**Friday, February 16** – Hamburger/cheeseburger, grilled cheese sandwich, tuna salad sub, mac rib sub, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled pineapple, Scooby Doo snake cake.

## ■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday, February 12** – Stuffed manicotti with sauce and grated mozzarella, garlic bread, grilled chicken club, tuna salad pocket, potato puffs, tossed salad, chilled apricots, watermelon jello with topping.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Chicken pie, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot pastrami grinder, whipped potatoes, corn niblets, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.

**Wednesday, February 14** – VALENTINE'S DAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, double grilled cheese, shaved turkey club, tossed salad, green beans, chilled applesauce, sweetheart cake.

**Thursday, February 15** – Chicken

nuggets with sauces, mac rib sub, chicken chow mein noodles, fried rice, Oriental vegetables, chilled pineapple, baked custard with topping.

**Friday, February 16** – Pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, meatball grinder with grated mozzarella, Italian grinder, shoestring fries, tossed salad, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

## ■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN

**Monday, February 12** – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, scalloped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, strawberry jello with topping.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Stuffed jumbo shells with sauce, garlic bread, Italian grinder, grilled chicken breast club, oven potatoes, tossed salad, chilled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

**Wednesday, February 14** – VALENTINE'S DAY: Cheese pizza or Italian spice pizza, chicken in gravy, hot pastrami grinder, whipped potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, applesauce, sweetheart cake.

**Thursday, February 15** – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot dog on a roll, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, corn niblets, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

**Friday, February 16** – Baked lasagna, garlic bread, meatball grinder with grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled pineapple, Scooby Doo snake cake.

## ■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

**Monday, February 12** – Cheeseburger/hamburger, crispy fries, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Chicken fajitas, toasted cheese, nachos, soup, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Wednesday, February 14** – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday, February 15** – Chicken tenders, potato wedges, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday, February 16** – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

## ■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT

**Monday, February 12** – Cheeseburger/hamburger, crispy fries, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Chicken fajitas, toasted cheese, nachos, soup, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Wednesday, February 14** – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday, February 15** – Chicken tenders, potato wedges, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday, February 16** – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

## ■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

**Monday, February 12** – Soup, Sloppy Joe, French fries, chicken fillet, pepperoni calzone, green beans, fruit, juice or milk.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Soup, chicken nuggets, potato wedge, pickle, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

**Wednesday, February 14** – Soup, stuffed shells, grilled ham and cheese, turkey sub, salad, garlic bread, pudding, juice or milk.

**Thursday, February 15** – Soup, turkey and gravy, bacon cheeseburger, grilled cheese, mashed potato, peas, cranberry sauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

**Friday, February 16** – Soup, assorted pizza, ham and cheese croissant, BBQ ribs, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

## ■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

**Monday, February 12** – Cheeseburger/hamburger, crispy fries, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Tuesday, February 13** – Chicken fajitas, toasted cheese, nachos, soup, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Wednesday, February 14** – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday, February 15** – Chicken tenders, potato wedges, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday, February 16** – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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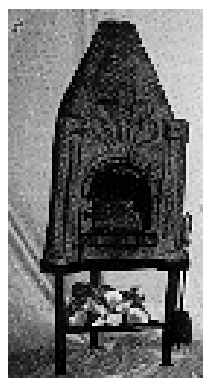


Rochester perhaps one evening a month. Activities could include information sharing, inviting speakers from other genealogical societies and groups, field trips to cemeteries and other area libraries for research, introduction to computerized research, delving into research on specific countries or ethnic groups including Native American research, and much more.

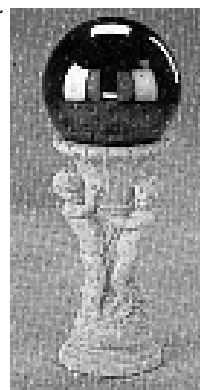
The library has many resources to help the group get started, and can provide a pleasant meeting place. Members of all ages are welcome, including adults, young adults, and school-aged children. Beginners and experienced researchers alike are invited to join. If you are interested in this exciting venture, please call the Plumb Library at 763-8600 or Mr. Wisniewski at 763-2538. The club hopes to have its first meeting in February or March. *Rochester Journal*

The deadline for submission to the *Rochester Journal Volume III* has been extended. They will accept submissions through April 1, 2001. They are seeking stories, essays, poems, artwork and photographs that capture the essence of the Town of Rochester. They will

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# The Blame Game

BY KENNETH J. SOUZA

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Eleven-year-old Nestor Herrera of Springfield, Massachusetts died last Saturday night after embarking for a simple night out at the movies with friends — his first such foray alone, according to relatives — the victim of a fatal stabbing apparently inflicted by another eleven-year-old.

Yes, *eleven*.

Sadly, though, as is the case with many of these depressing yet far-too-common recent cases of juvenile violence, all the journalists, radio talk show hosts, and public commentators immediately jumped the gun to make an issue of the fact that the parties involved were allegedly planning to attend a showing of the new slasher/horror film *Valentine*.

Of course! A lame, carbon-copy, wholly derivative and largely *unscary* film forced that little boy's hand. It's crystal clear to me! (Granted, I saw the movie myself ... but the only murderous thoughts it inspired were against the film-makers for wasting 90 minutes of my life which would have been better-spent organizing my sock drawer.)

*How is it that Americans have lost their sense of responsibility and accountability in such matters?* When something tragic like this occurs, why do we immediately scramble for some sort of easy answer ... a place to lay all the blame that's always suspiciously aimed at a collective and hard-to-pinpoint "group"? Just blame *them*. It's all *their* fault. Not *us* ... certainly not *me*.

That sage of the ages, William Shakespeare, summed it up best when he wrote: "The fault lies not in the stars, but in ourselves."

It's an ongoing debate as to whether or not violent films, television shows, music, books, and video games do, in fact, have an influence on younger children; and while I will agree that not everything is appropriate for all ages, the final arbiters and ersatz censors of such material should remain a child's parent or legal guardian — not Hollywood movie studios or record company executives.

Let's face it, violent material and themes have *always* existed in our culture in one form or another, but it seems that only recently in our work-driven, dual-income mode of existence has the scapegoat of "media mayhem" become the easy, catch-all culprit.

The Greek tragedy *Oedipus the King* did little to encourage younger audiences — many of whom studied the play as required reading in high school, mind you — to kill their fathers, marry their mothers, and gouge out



their own eyes in shame. I'm amazed that Shakespeare's tragic romance of *Romeo & Juliet* hasn't incited more teen suicides in lieu of lost love. Virtually any tale from the canon of American wunderkind Edgar Allan Poe could be considered a blueprint for murder, revenge and torture; and even *The Holy Bible* boasts an ample amount of death and murder, when you think about it.

Why aren't these more-revered sources being blamed for an outbreak of juvenile violence and crime? And isn't it odd how the latest book, movie, CD or TV show gets hit the hardest with knee-jerk criticism?

Frankly, *Valentine* isn't even worth the amount of ink that's already been devoted here ... but now it will garner at least some amount of notoriety for being immediately linked with the Springfield tragedy. The "Life" section of Tuesday's *USA Today* boldly proclaimed: **Boy charged in 'Valentine' murder**, even though the story (and most newspaper accounts as of this writing) are dubious as to whether the under-aged kids were ever actually admitted to the R-rated film. (I suspect it's a point which the theater owners will continue to deny given the circumstances.)

But what's most sad about cases like the death of Nestor Herrera is that one young boy has lost his life and another's has been forever tainted. And until we decide to stop pointing our collective fingers at outside forces and influences and begin paying more attention to the root cause of the problem — that kids really need more guidance, affection, and support from parents, family members, and *positive* role models; not movie stars, rap artists, and overpaid sports "heroes" — I fear more tragedies like this will continue to occur.

To me, that's a far more frightening premise than any fictional horror film could portray.



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# Local Police Logs

## ■ MARION

*The following log excerpts are for the week of January 27 through February 4, 2001:*

- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Delano Road – family disturbance
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Brigg's Terrace – animal complaint
- Bullivant Farm Road – officer wanted
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (default warrant, larceny by check under \$250)
- Wareham Road – chemical spill
- Hastings Road – vandalism/past
- Wewantic/Marsh Area – waterways complaint
- Rezendes Terrace – animal complaint
- Converse Road – parking violation
- Wareham Road – family disturbance
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Maple Avenue – larceny/past
- Route 195 East – officer wanted
- Front Street – suspicious activity
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Point Road – general disturbance
- Wareham Road – attempted warrant service
- Front Street – suspicious person
- Blackhall Court – animal complaint
- Point Road – annoying phone calls
- Mill Street – animal complaint
- Spring Street – motor vehicle theft/past
- Route 195 West – suspicious person
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Moorings Road – animal complaint
- Quelle Lane – noise complaint
- River Road – annoying phone calls
- Delano Road – family disturbance
- Wareham Road – youths in street
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Olde Knoll Road – annoying phone calls

- Front Street – animal complaint
- Rebecca Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Barros Drive – disturbance/adult arrests: 4 (assault with dangerous weapon; assault and battery; assault to murder; disturbing the peace; disorderly conduct; resisting arrest)
- Creek Road – officer wanted
- Abels Way – animal complaint
- Converse Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, operating unregistered motor vehicle)
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

## ■ MATTAPOISETT

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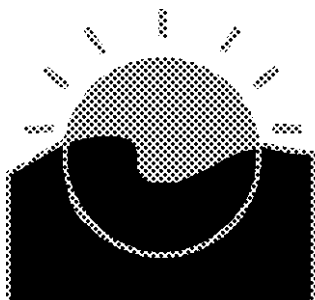
- County Road – mutual aid
- Route 195 West – youths throwing snowballs at cars
- Route 195 West – dog laying down on highway
- Fairhaven Road – past dog bite
- County Road – possible disturbance
- Melissa Anne Lane – harassing phone calls
- Water Street – car spinning tires
- Marion Road – Marion Police requests shuttle for domestic abuse victim
- Route 195 West – dog on highway; animal control
- Acushnet Road – loose dog in yard
- Route 195 West – dead animal on ramp
- Route 195 East – dog running in area of exit ramp
- Acushnet Road – found bike
- Fairhaven Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Reservation Road – past larceny reported
- County Road – report of past motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- North Street – motor vehicle hit deer
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle hit dog
- Marion Road – kids throwing snowballs
- County Road – intoxicilizer solution changed
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – harassment/threatening letter
- Aucoot Road – larceny from motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious activity/persons
- Mendell Road – request for patrolman due to smoke

- Marion Road – vandalism/graffiti
- County Road – past threats/simple
- Mattakisset Road – dog complaint/loose dog
- North Street – suspicious activity/persons
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – assault/intimidation
- Tallman Street – mutual aid to serve warrant
- Tallman Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Pepperbush Lane – possible gunshots heard
- Marion Road – assist with traffic
- County Road – suspicious person
- Mahoney's Lane – kids walking on ice
- County Road – harassing phone calls
- Water Street – kids on sidewalk with skateboards
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – carbon monoxide detector sounding
- Main Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- Tinkham Lane – suspicious activity/persons
- Long Plain Road – vehicle hit deer and left area.

## ■ ROCHESTER

*The following log excerpts are for the week of January 30 through February 5, 2001:*

- Plumb Corner Market – animal complaint
- Walnut Plain Road – highway matter
- Bishop Road – animal complaint
- Alley Road – motor vehicle accident
- Braley Hill Road – road conditions
- Snipatuit Road – motor vehicle hit deer
- Tabor Academy – stolen motor vehicle
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- North Avenue – animal control matter
- Plumb Corner Mall – suspicious motor vehicle
- Lawrence Way – suspicious motor vehicle
- R.F. Morse – suspicious person
- Bowens Lane – hunters in area
- Bowens Lane – suspicious activity
- Point Road/Marion – mutual aid
- Route 105 – motor vehicle hit deer
- Burgess Avenue – motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
- Memorial School – parking enforcement
- Braley Hill Road – disabled motor vehicle
- Bennett Road – road hazard
- North Avenue – highway matter.



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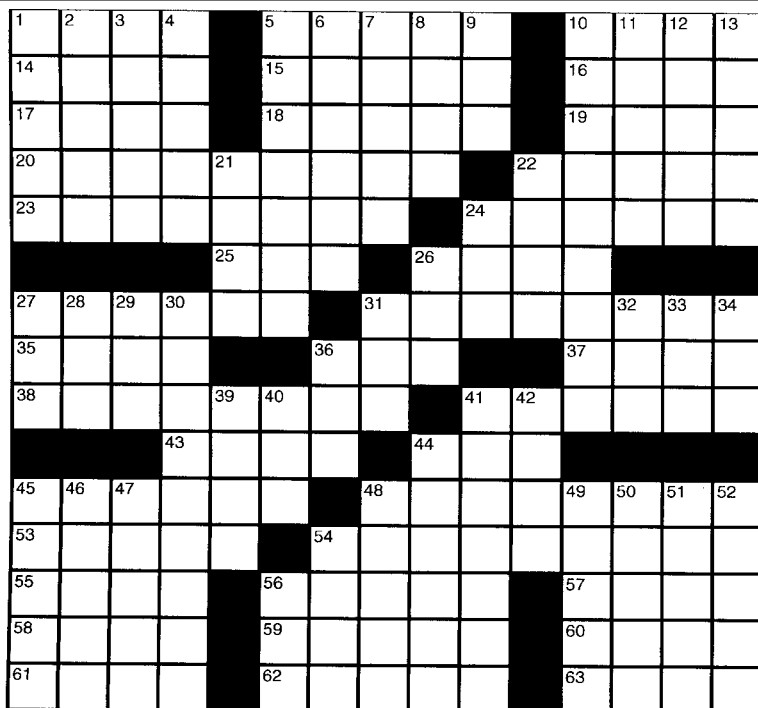
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## This Week's Horoscope

by Lasha Seniuk

**Aries (March 21-April 20).** Previous financial agreements may be quickly renegotiated. Expect a major shift in contracts, legal partnerships or work assignments.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Romantic discussions may arise. Not to worry: Aspects indicate that new home negotiations will now work strongly in your favor.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Work responsibilities now begin to shift: Watch for daily duties and obligations to significantly change.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Discuss delicate emotional issues with loved ones. Expect them to accept long-term home solutions or express a need for continued loyalty.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Family financial commitments and workplace money promises will be obviously defined. Watch for key officials to release important contracts or previously withheld information.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Over the next few days, expect loved ones to express new romantic ideals, social plans or passionate intentions. Long-term relationships may become highly satisfying.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Business decisions will soon work in your favor. Expect team decisions or joint work ventures to be quickly finalized.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Key social or family relationships will become emotionally obvious. Over the next few days, your ability to see compelling truths in intimate relationships is strong.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Short-term romantic commitments may change. Expect loved ones or close friends to state new ideas, intentions or emotional agendas.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Social or group invitations may be distracting. For the next few days, emotional priorities will be scattered.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** Friendships and long-term romance will now enter a brief stage of emotional negotiation.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** A close friendship may subtly change. Longstanding social or romantic triangles may soon cause minor pressures.

**If Your Birthday is This Week:** The next seven months will bring unexpected financial and business options.

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### Cans for Bands

The staff and students at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett would like to thank everyone who participated recently in the "Cans for Bands" drive, which was a great success! Because of continued interest and the ease of dropping off bottles and cans, the drive will continue. The last Saturday of every month, you can drop off your redeemable bottles and cans at Old Hammondtown School from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

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VIII.C.2. to allow a garage in the front yard area.</li> <li>2. VIII.C.2.a. to construct a garage larger than the allowed 1,000 square feet.</li> <li>3. VIII.C.5.b. to allow the operation of a business in the agricultural/residential district.</li> </ol> <p>The property is located at 99 Cushman Road; Assessor's plan 33 lots 7 and 8 containing 20.2 acres. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2001, 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 02/01, 02/08</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT ATTENTION MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS</b> The Town of Mattapoisett Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners will hold a meeting to update residents on the <b>Brandt Beach Area Sewer Expansion Design and Water Main Extension Preliminary Design for Mattapoisett Neck and Brandt Island and Brandt Beach Area.</b> The meeting will be held on February 14th at 7:00pm in the Old Hammondtown School cafeteria. 2/1, 2/8</p>	<p>INVITATION TO MARION RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND FRIENDS The Marion Board of Selectmen invites you to a swearing-in ceremony to be held at the Music Hall on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00pm, when we will be introducing the new Town Administrator, Julia S. Enroth-Whitlock. We hope that you will join us for this celebration. Light refreshments will be served. Marion Board of Selectmen Albert E. Winters, Chairman 02/01, 02/08</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT INVITATION TO BID OPERATION OF TOWN WHARF FOOD CONCESSION The Town of Mattapoisett is accepting bids for the lease of space for the operation of a food concession stand to be located at the Town Wharf. Sealed bids will be received in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA until 3:00pm, Friday, March 2, 2001, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of cash or Certified Check in the amount of \$250. payable to the Town of Mattapoisett. Bid specifications are available at the Selectmen's Office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office telephone number is (508) 758-4100. The Town of Mattapoisett reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to further negotiate any bid if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the town. Carol J. Adams, Chief Procurement Officer 02/01, 02/08</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #771 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of R.F. Morse &amp; Sons, Inc., Richard Canning owner, 22 Cranberry Highway, who is requesting a variance from setback requirements under section IV.B. The property is located in the Industrial District; Assessor's map 17 lot 41C, containing 30+/- acres plan. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2001, 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 02/08, 02/15</p>

the Fairhaven Fire Department meeting hall, located at 146 Washington Street.

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### Artists at Cape Museum

Of the more than 80 outstanding artists juried into the Twelfth National Exhibition of the Society of Marine Artists, nearly 30 are from New England and one is from Mattapoisett.

That is what Gregory F. Harper, Director of the Cape Museum of Fine Arts, announced recently. The museum will be the site of the exhibit, one of the most prestigious of its kind, April 28 - July 15.

Once all of the artists have been informed personally from the society's headquarters in Ambler, PA, names will be released. The representational works will occupy all of the museum, including its new, spectacular \$1.5 million addition.

Recently hailed "a star museum" by *The New York Times*, the Cape Museum of Fine Arts is on Cape Cod in historic Dennis Village.

### Regional Housing Rehabilitation

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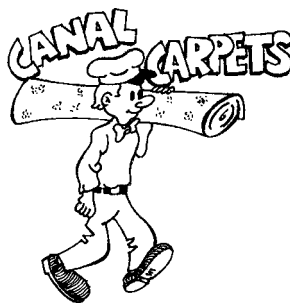
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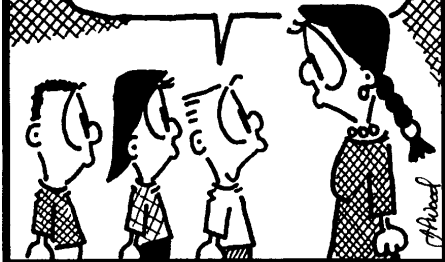
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### Skate Night

The Mattapoisett PTA has reserved the Carousel Skating Rink in Fairhaven for vacation week, Tuesday, February 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Admission is \$2 to cover expenses, and skate rental is extra. Please join in the fun — everyone is welcome.

## Rochester Country Fair

The Rochester Country Fair Committee is proud to announce their first fund-raising event for the town's Second Annual Country Fair Celebration scheduled to step off on August 17 to 19, 2001. Please support the Rochester Country Fair Committee by attending their Dinner/Dance featuring The Relics on Friday, March 16, 2001. The evening's events will take place at the Redman Hall located at 758 Main Street, Wareham.

A Black Angus Roast Beef Dinner Buffet will be served at 7:00 pm, with live music by The Relics starting at 8:00 pm. Other events of that evening will include a 50/50 Raffle as well as a Chinese (no, make that a Leprechaun) Auction.

Tickets will be on sale for \$12.50 each and must be purchased in advance in one of the following supporting Rochester locations: Bev Loves Books, Plumb Corner; Frank's Barber Shop, New Bedford Road; Lloyd's Market, Route 105; The Hair and Body Solution, Plumb Corner; The Ponderosa, Route 105, Acushnet/Rochester town line.

The Rochester Country Fair Committee welcomes your support. If you would like to donate an item towards the Chinese Auction or would like additional information, please contact one of the following committee members: Slim Bernier (763-2414); Chris Faustino (763-8193); John or Pat Lafleur (763-8910); Duffy Clapp (965-6491); Julie Koczera (763-9610); or Art Westgate (763-2486). You may also visit their website at [www.rochesterma.com/celebration2001.htm](http://www.rochesterma.com/celebration2001.htm).

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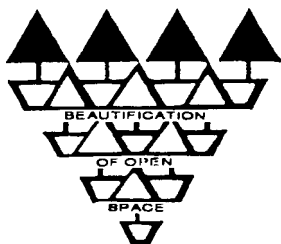
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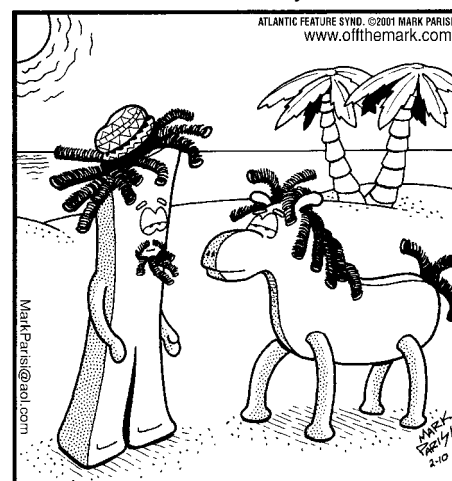
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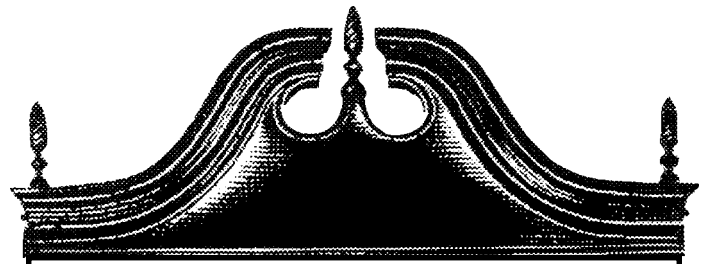
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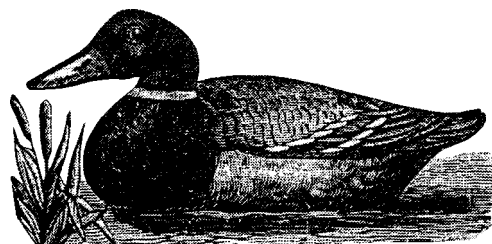
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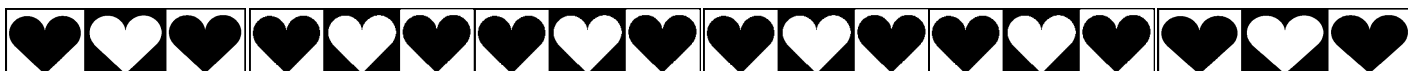


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Feb. 9:	Fri.	8:35	9:01	1:46	2:39
Feb. 10:	Sat.	9:26	9:52	2:40	3:20
Feb. 11:	Sun.	10:17	10:45	3:30	4:00
Feb. 12:	Mon.	11:09	11:38	4:20	4:39
Feb. 13:	Tues.	...	12:02	5:12	5:21
Feb. 14:	Wed.	12:31	12:55	6:12	6:09
Feb. 15:	Thurs.	1:27	1:51	7:44	7:08
Feb. 16:	Fri.	2:27	2:52	9:15	8:19
Feb. 17:	Sat.	3:31	3:55	10:12	9:24
Feb. 18:	Sun.	4:34	4:54	10:54	10:17
Feb. 19:	Mon.	5:29	5:44	11:29	11:04
Feb. 20:	Tues.	6:14	6:27	11:59	11:49
Feb. 21:	Wed.	6:53	7:05	...	12:37
Feb. 22:	Thurs.	7:29	7:40	12:33	1:12
Feb. 23:	Fri.	8:02	8:15	1:15	1:46
Feb. 24:	Sat.	8:36	8:49	1:55	2:19
Feb. 25:	Sun.	9:10	9:25	2:32	2:50
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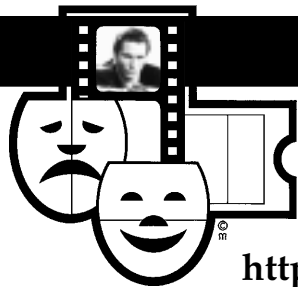
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## MOVIE REVIEW

# Heart Attack

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**Valentine.** Starring David Boreanaz and Denise Richards. Directed by Jamie Blanks. Running time: 90 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

Maybe it's just nostalgia, but I remember the slasher movies of the early '80s, terrible as they often were, being more *fun* than the post-*Scream* crop of neo-slashers of the last few years. There was gore, there was nudity (*lots* of nudity), and there was a satisfied audience of teenage boys taking all this in. (This was before society decided that movies cause impressionable youths to become violent. Back then, we still believed that people were responsible for their own actions.) Today's slasher offerings are hardly worthy of the title. Largely bloodless, featuring name actresses who refuse to disrobe gratuitously, they now have little reason to exist. I mean, if you're going to take the gore and T&A out of these films, what's the *point*?

The meretricious *Valentine* is the latest (though, sadly, probably not the last) example of the slasher genre's pallid decline. On paper, it looked like a promising throwback—it even has two slasher staples, the Holiday Theme and the Vengeful Killer. With its premise of a former geek getting bloody revenge on the girls who rejected him in junior high school, this should've been an indefensible, go-for-broke, sinfully enjoyable wedge of horror cheese. Instead it's just indefensible.

For one thing, if you're the type who'd give *Valentine* a day in court—what the hell, could be fun, horror movies are fun—chances are you've seen it all before. This isn't even the first Valentine's Day horror movie—*My Bloody Valentine*, a Canadian import from 1981, takes that honor. And it's certainly not the first revenge-of-the-nerd thriller: aside from the obvious (*Carrie*), there was also *Terror Train*, another Canadian import, in which a humiliated geek returns years later to decimate his classmates. Add in the routine false scares (*EEK!*—oh, it's only a harmless guy) as well as the predictable actual scares, consistently botched by the talentless director Jamie Blanks (*Urban Legend*), and you're in for a long 90 minutes.

Four college girls—Kate (Marley Shelton), Paige (Denise Richards), Dorothy (Jessica Capshaw), and Lily (Jessica Cauffiel)



—are worried because a psycho is sending them poison-pen valentines (“Roses are red / Violets are blue / They’ll need dental records to identify you” is one of the better ones), and one of their number, a medical student who apparently preferred to do autopsies in a dark basement with her tanktop on, has already gone to the big tanktop store in the sky. We’re given several suspects, including Kate’s recovering-alcoholic boyfriend Adam (David Boreanaz, looking uncomfortable without a long black coat to flap around) and every other male on the screen. That even includes a flatly unbelievable detective on the case, who takes the opportunity to fondle one of the girls.

*Valentine* is yet another one of those films that *Scream* was supposed to have buried but instead resurrected: Everything *Scream* laughed at, this movie plays straight. People are always wandering off into dark, unfamiliar places alone; Denise Richards, in the movie’s pinnacle of idiocy, goes off by herself during a loud party—the killer’s on the loose, you’d think she’d want to stay among lots of people—and *takes a dip in a hot tub*. But don’t you see, without nudity *there is no point to this scene*. At least in the old slasher films, you could laugh and say, “Ah, the obligatory nude scene.” Here, it’s ... Denise Richards in a bikini. Acting stupid.

Aside from that, *Valentine* offers some flaccid nastiness in the form of man-bashing (there’s a scene with hopeful guys angling for a date that’s almost a direct ripoff of the “Dog” scene in Spike Lee’s *She’s Gotta Have It*); since the only men in the movie are wimps, losers, jerks, or unreliable, it’s no wonder the women in the movie have no use for them. This shouldn’t be taken as feminism, though: the whole bloody mess gets started because a girl lies to save her own reputation, and the females are as crudely written as the males. Lack of screenwriting talent is the great equalizer, I guess. Four people wrote *Valentine*, two men and two women; it’s nice to know that it now takes a gender-proportional quartet to write garbage that it took one person to crank out in a weekend back in the ‘80s.

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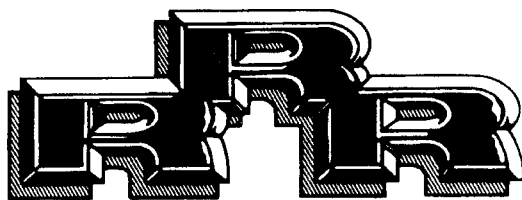
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